### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST CONTINUATION SHEET U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

**Property Name: Woodstock** 

Survey No.: PG: 82A-13 (PACS A143)

Property Address 8706 S.E. Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro vicinity, Prince George's County			
Owner Name/Address Eugene and Mary Sue Couser, 8706 S.E. Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772			
Year Built circa 1850			

#### **Description:**

Woodstock was previously surveyed by the Historic American Building Survey in 1936, by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in 1974, and by the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission in 1986. The property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on September 21, 1987.

#### National Register Evaluation:

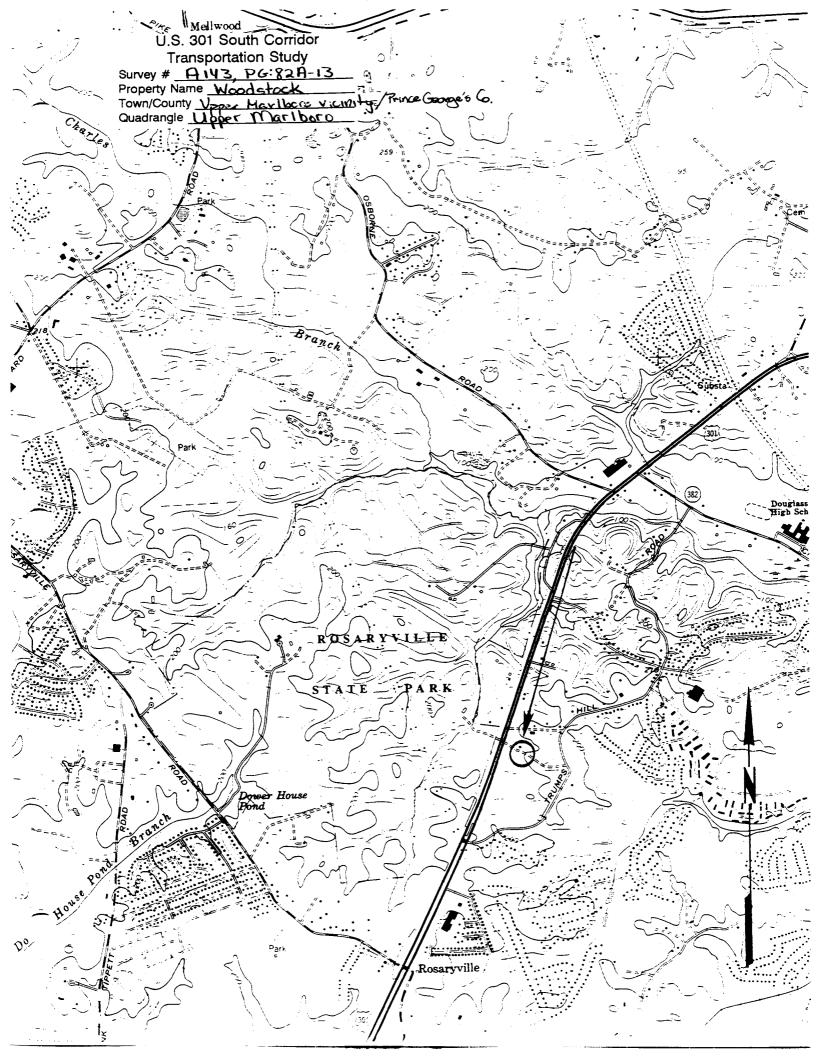
Woodstock, an outstanding example of a mid-nineteenth century plantation house with Greek Revival details, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on September 21, 1987.

#### Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary of the property consists of 2.02 hectares (5.0001 acres), all of that parcel of land described in Prince George's County deed #4245:414, according to the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form prepared in 1986. This parcel incorporates "all of the highest point of land on which the house stands, as well as the ancient holly, linden and red maple immediately east and west of it. The parcel includes also the unpaved drive which leads to the house from U.R. Route 301, and the sloping fields to the south and north, on which stands the twentieth century smoke house. The boundaries of this parcel preserve the immediate grounds of the dwelling and its complete environmental setting."

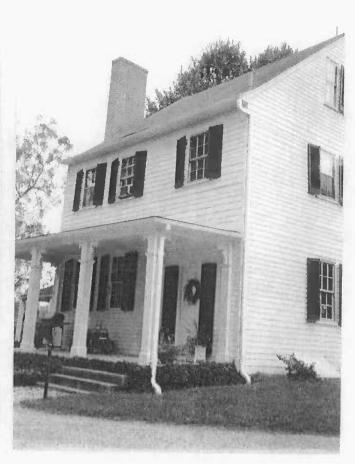
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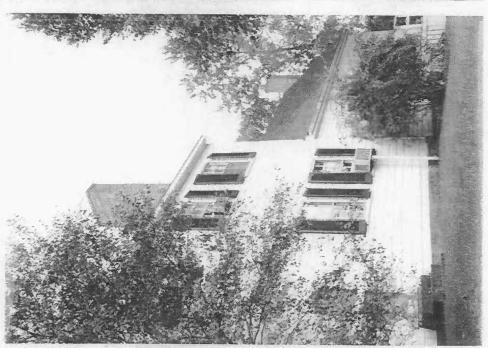




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# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms Type all entries—complete applicable sections Name Woodstock historic and or common Woodstock Location street & number 8706 S. E. Crain Highway (U.S. Route 301) N/Anot for publication Upper Marlboro Fifth Congressional District X vicinity of city, town code 033 Maryland 24 Prince George's code county state Classification Category Ownership Status **Present Use** \_ district \_ public X\_ occupied \_ agricuiture museum X building(s) X private \_ unoccupied commerciai park  $\overline{\mathrm{X}}$  private residence \_ structure both work in progress educational \_ site **Public Acquisition** Accessible entertainment religious \_ object \_ in process \_ yes: restricted government scientific \_ yes: unrestricted being considered industriai transportation X\_ no military other: X not applicable Owner of Property name Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Couser (Mary Sue) street & number 8706 S. E. Crain Highway Upper Marlboro N/A vicinity of state Maryland city, town **Location of Legal Description** Prince George's County Courthouse courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Main Street street & number city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland **Representation in Existing Surveys** Maryland Historical Trust title Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? 1987 date federai X state county local Maryland Historical Trust depository for survey records

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#### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Woodstock is a gable-roof frame dwelling which stands on a high point of land surrounded by rolling farmland, and bounded on the west by U.S. Route 301. The house consists of a two-and-one-half story main block with exterior gable-end chimneys, built in the mid-nineteenth century, and a one-and-one-half-story The westerly two bays of this five-bay wing, enclose an earlier freestanding building, a remnant of the older Timberly plantation; it is now connected to the main block by a later three-bay connecting link or hyphen. The house has simple but handsome interior trim, in the Greek Revival style, and has been recently and carefully restored. There are remnants of two old buildings just west of the house, and a twentieth century smoke house on the slope to the north.

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#### DESCRIPTION

Woodstock is a gable-roof frame dwelling which consists of a two-and-one-half-story main block, with a two-part, one-and-one-half-story wing. It stands on a high point of land surrounded by rolling farmland, and overlooks U.S. Route 301 to the west. The main block is side gabled, 28 by 34 feet, three bays by two bays. Entrance is in the third bay of the main south facade through an eight-panel door (six small panels over two large ones) flanked by full-length green louvered shutters. A one-story hip-roof porch shelters this main south facade; it is supported by square posts with molded capitals and bases, embellished by large jig-sawn brackets, and rests on a concrete foundation. A rear door in the first bay of the north facade has six panels.

The siding of the main block is plain horizontal board with plain corner posts, all painted white. Windows are wood frame double hung sash with six lights over six, and narrow molded surrounds, and have dark green louvered shutters. The plain board cornice has crown molding and is slightly flared at the eaves, and is slightly flared at the eaves, and is not returned at the gable ends. The gable roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle. There are two (unmatched) tall exterior brick chimneys at the west gable end. Between the two stacks at third level is a small four over four window; in the corresponding position in the east gable end are two four over 4 windows. These stacks are laid in American bond, four courses of stretchers to one of headers. The southerly stack has weatherings above the second story, and has been widened by the addition of new brick, to accommodate a new heating The narrow northerly stack has no weatherings, and is enclosed at first story by the attached kitchen wing. The main block rests on a brick foundation which encloses a basement under the south half of the building; from this basement space, one can see the large hand-hewn sill beams, joined with mortise and tenon. Access to the basement is through a bulkhead between the two chimneys. A builder's trench is clearly visible just outside (north) of the north foundation wall of the basement.

Interior plan of the main block consists of side stair hall and connecting double parlors. The open string two-run staircase rises along the est (exterior) wall of the stairhall, then turns 90 degrees at a landing and reverses to the second floor. It has plain square balusters and a simple round rail. In place of a newel post is a plain carved post. The staircase has a paneled spandrel, and plain bracketed stair ends. The center section of each riser is painted black, as suggested by early layers of paint.

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Two doorways lead from the stairhall westward into the two adjoining parlors. These parlors are connected by double doors which were folded back into the north parlor (dining room). Each leaf of the double door, like the principal south entrance door, has six small panels over two large ones. Identical wooden mantels frame the fireplaces in the two parlors: the mantel frieze has a rounded "pillow" projection, which is repeated (vertically) in the pilasters which flank the firebox.

Surrounds of doors and windows consist of an inner bead, broken (two-step) field and outer molding. Baseboards are molded; there are no molded cornices or chair rails. All interior doors in the main block hang on mid-nineteenth century "Baldwin" hinges. The lock-box on the main (south) door is marked "I. Walker VR".

Mantels in the bedrooms above the two parlors are identical to those in the parlors. Moldings on the second story are similar to those on the first, but have an unbroken (one-stop) field. The staircase continues to the third floor. The second story north window which lights the stairhall is split by the landing between second and third floors.

Extending west from the main block and flush with its north facade, is a one-and-one-half-story two part kitchen wing, 16 by 30 feet. Construction details indicate that the westerly section is the oldest, and that the central or easterly section of the wing was later built as a hyphen to connect the older building to the main block.

The westerly (older) section of the wing (16 by 14 1/2 feet) is two bays wide with entrance in the second bay of its facade through a modern door (four small lights over four panels). There is a corresponding rear door on the north facade, which opens onto a high concrete stoop. This small building rests on whole logs and has a very shallow crawl space underneath. From the upper-story room in the hyphen, one can observe the original exterior wide, hand-split board siding of the east gable end of the older building. Floor boards are wide and probably original; the framing is reinforced with brick

During restoration work in the 1970s, the mantel was removed from the south bedroom and installed in the dining room, the only room from which the mantel was missing. A new mantel was made for the south bedroom, identical to the other three.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>In the early twentieth century, a rear shed porch on the north facade of the wing had been enclosed to form a kitchen. This enclosed porch was removed during the restoration work of the 1970s, and the concrete stoop was constructed at that time.

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nogging. Just south of the ridge at the west gable end is an exterior freestanding brick chimney, four courses of stretchers to each course of headers, with weatherings above the first story level.

This small structure is now joined to the main block by a three-bay-wide hyphen (16 by 15 1/2 feet), of the same depth as the older building. The hyphen is now used as a kitchen, while the older westerly section has been converted into a family room, and is paneled with narrow beaded wainscoting. A boxed staircase rises between the two sections, giving access to two small rooms, one above each section, connected by a batten door. Each of these rooms is lighted by a gable dormer on the south. Each dormer encloses a 6/6 window, has a molded cornice, and is sided with diagonal boards.

The two sections join to form a four-bay wing, 16 by 30 feet, sided with plain horizontal boards, narrower than those of the main block, all painted white. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with plain board surrounds, and have dark green louvered shutters. There is a second door in the fourth bay of the south facade (second bay of the hyphen); it has one large pane of glass over three molded panels. The roof of the wing is covered with wooden shingles; it has a molded cornice, flared at the eaves like that of the main block. A one-story shed-roof porch, continues from the roofline to shelter the entire south facade of the wing. The porch is supported by plain square posts, and has a brick floor. The wing rests on a brick foundation topped by one course of rowlock, and encloses a shallow crawl space.

Woodstock stands on the highest point of land on a 5-acre parcel which was carved out of the original 320-acre farm. An unpaved drive leads east to the house from U.S. Route 301, which is the western boundary of the property. (The historic access to the house was from the old road to the east.) The drive ends just east of the house in a circle which encloses a large evergreen tree; a short distance northeast of the circle stands a very large holly, estimated to be 185 years old. Circa 20 feet southwest of the kitchen wing stands a massive red maple, estimated to be 210 years old. A linden tree near the west end of the house is also of great age, and is being evaluated for champion status.

The immediate grounds of the house are bounded by a rail fence in the north and west, and a split rail (snake) fence on the south; the fields outside these boundaries are devoted to sheep grazing. On the sloping ground in the field to the north is a twentieth century smoke house, gable-roofed with concrete block foundation. It has replaced an older smoke house which stood on a brick foundation still visible in the yard west of the house. Directly west of the house is a small square herb garden which marks the spot where an ice house once stood.

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**Builder Architect** 

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Applicable Criteria: Applicable Exceptions:

Significance Evaluated:

#### SIGNIFICANCE

Woodstock is an outstanding example of a mid-nineteenth century plantation house with decorative elements in the Greek Revival style. The main block was probably built in the early 1850s by Washington Custis Calvert of Mount Airy; it was subsequently attached by means of a connecting hyphen to an older kitchen building on the property. In 1860 Woodstock became the home of James Beall Belt retired Clerk of the Prince George's County Court, and passed after his death to his son John W. Belt, who served also as Clerk of the Court. Woodstock exemplifies a house style typical of successful small plantations of the period; it is one of only three surviving examples in Prince George's County of this once popular Tidewater house style. It is in excellent condition and stands in a prominent location in functioning farmland, a visible landmark overlooking a much travelled highway. It is an important example of Prince George's County nineteenth century architectural history.

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#### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Woodstock stands on a tract known as Timberly, patented by Robert Ridgely in 1672. Part of this tract, adjoining the tract called "Croom", belonged in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries to Edward Scott. Scott's dwelling was on the Croom tract, but several farm buildings, including a small kitchen, stood on Timberly, which adjoined Croom on the west.

A 220 acre portion of Timberly, known as the Woodstock farm, passed to Scott's son, Horatio C. Scott, a prominent merchant in the village of Upper Marlboro. After Edward Scott died in 1851, Horatio C. Scott (who lived in the old Wardrop House, PG #79-28, sold the Woodstock farm (in 1853) to Washington Custis Calvert, one of the seven sons of Edward H. Calvert of Mount Airy. Washington Calvert had married in 1851, and had received in trust 100 acres of Mount Airy which adjoined Scott's Timberly. It is almost certain that it was Calvert who built the main block of the house at Timberly as his home. 5

The new house was typical of small plantation houses of the mid-nineteenth century; it consisted of a side stairhall and double parlors, warmed by fireplaces on the exterior wall. The trim of the house was plain, but handsome, Greek Revival style, with broken field moldings, and carved "pillow" projections highlighting the wooden mantels. A pre-existing kitchen building, with boxed staircase and sleeping loft above, was put to use by Calvert; it stood 15 feet from his new dwelling.

Washington Calvert lived only a short time in this house. His wife died in 1857, and in 1860 he sold his entire farm (220 acres of Timberly and 100 adjoining acres of Mt. Airy) to James Beall Belt, retired Clerk of the County Court. Calvert remarried and (apparently) left Prince George's County.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Patents, **‡**16:496.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Federal Direct Tax for Prince George's County, 1798.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Prince George's County Estate file #174; will PC #1:443, Wollon, J. T., and Pearl, S. G., **Historic Structures Report**, Buck-Wardrop House, PG #79-28; Prince George's County Deeds ON #1:467; CSM #3:345, 346; Prince George's County Marriage Licenses; Census for Prince George's County, 1840, 1850.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Prince George's County Deeds CSM #3:366; **Stones and Bones**, Cemetery Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, 1984, p. 29.

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James Beall Belt had served as Clerk of the Court from 1838 to 1851. He owned a house and lot in Upper Marlboro where he resided, and also a store house, granary and office where he operated a mercantile business. His wife had died in 1859, and in the following year he moved with his son, John W. Belt, into Washington Calvert's house on Timberly which he renamed Woodstock. Belt continued to operate the granary, store house and office in Upper Marlboro, trading as James B. Belt and Son.

After the Civil War, Belt fell into financial difficulties; he mortgaged and remortgaged his Woodstock farm. His financial difficulties were still unresolved at the time of his death in 1882. By his will he devised all of his estate, "the farm on which I now reside called Woodstock, together will all stock, crops, utensils, machinery then upon it, also all lots in Upper Marlboro, and all interest in the mercantile business carried on under the name of James B. Belt and Son," to his son, John Williamson Belt and his wife, Mary D. Belt, for their lives, in trust for his grandson (their son), James B. Belt.

In the year of his father's death, John W. Belt was appointed to his father's former position as Clerk of the Court, a position which he held until his death in 1896. He also turned over the management of his store house, granary and office in Upper Marlboro to Hamilton Hall, and moved his family from their town dwelling to his father's house at Woodstock. He was also able to settle the liens on the Woodstock property by offering it for sale (by decree of the Equity Court) and purchasing it himself. It was advertised at this time (1889) as "320 acres, the land now occupied by John W. Belt, improved by a large and comfortable dwelling house and all necessary barns and outbuildings."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>Prince George's County Court Records March 28, 1838; Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1830s-1860s; Stones and Bones, p. 118.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Prince George's County Deed WAJ #2:585 (mortgage); Prince George's County Will WAJ Jr. #1:257.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Prince George's County Equity #1794; Prince George's County Deed JWB #12:742, 744.

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John W. Belt died in 1896, and was buried with his parents at Trinity Church, Upper Marlboro. His estate was administered by his brother-in-law, attorney Caleb Clark Magruder (II), and Woodstock was conveyed to his son, James B. Belt. The younger Belt predeceased his mother, however, and consequently Woodstock was devised by her will (1924) to her nephew, Caleb Clarke Magruder III. It remained Magruder's home until his death in the 1940s.

When the present owners purchased Woodstock from the Magruder family in 1973, the house had stood vacant and boarded up for several years, and was in deteriorating condition. The new owners undertook major restoration work, removing the shed porch which had served as a kitchen, and installing a new kitchen in the hyphen. The house is now in excellent condition, and is a prominent and visible landmark high on a hill east of U.S. Route 301. Woodstock is a significant example of a mid-nineteenth century plantation house style of southern Prince George's County, of which only a few survive. I

<sup>10</sup>Stones and Bones, p. 119; Prince George's County Estate File #1633, Prince George's County Deed JB #1:393; Prince George's County Will WTD #1:35.

Prince George's County Deed #4245:414. Recent survey work in Prince George's County has identified only two other buildings of similar plan: Bellevue (84-20), and the Turner House (87B-5). To each of these houses there is attached lower kitchen wing which partially covers the exterior brick chimneys. In the case of the Turner House, the kitchen is a considerably later addition. Six other mid-nineteenth century dwellings [Beuna Vista (70-17), Solitude (77-5), the Nourse House (77-11), the Coftren House (86A-10), the Plantation (86A-16) and Kalaird (86B-9)] are similar to Woodstock, but have interior chimneys and/or alterations which have significantly changed the lines of the building.

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#### CHAIN OF TITLE

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#4245:414 - 7/5/1973 - Deed

Mittie H. Magruder, widow, to Eugene and Mary Sue Couser, 5.001 acres (with 60 foot right-of-way) of land in Melwood District which grantor acquired by Will WDA #11:169.

WDA #11:169 - 10/15/1962 - Will

Testator, Mercer Hampton Magruder: devises to wife Mittie Hall Magruder; to daughters, Florence Hall Magruder and Mary Belt Magruder Vickery; to sons Alexander Clarke Magruder and Mercer Hampton Magruder, Jr. Woodstock farm, 310 acres, to wife Mittie Hall Magruder who is also appointed executrix.

#1147:491 - 8/15/1949 - Will

Mary Belt Magruder, unmarried, to M. Hampton Magruder, St., 200 acres of Timberly and 100 acres of Mount Airy adjoining which grantor acquired from C. C. Magruder by \$620:323, the same land described in JB \$1:393 and JWB \$12:744.

#620:323 - 9/30/1941 - Deed

Caleb C. Magruder to Mary Belt Magruder (niece of grantor, and daughter of M. Hampton Magruder) for natural affection, the land which grantor acquired by Mary D. Belt's Will WTD #1:35, same land described in JB #1:393 (1898) and in mortgage JWB #12:744 (1890).

WITD \$1:35 - 6/26/1924 - Will

Testator, Mary D. Belt; devises to sister Bettie R. Magruder and niece Mildred W. N. Bowling; to nephew Caleb C. Magruder, Jr. "the farm I now reside on, Woodstock, with entire contents of the dwelling house there", also farm implements, horses, cattle, crops, etc. C. C. Magruder, Jr., appointed executor.

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JB #1:393 - 3/18/1898 - Deed

John A. Barker, attorney, of Baltimore, to James B. Belt; at public sale, February 1898, Barker, attorney in mortgage (JWB #12:744), sold land of John W. Belt after default in payment, to James B. Belt, high bidder at \$6,150. Lands include 320-1/2 acres of land on the road from Upper Marlboro to Brandywine, the farm on which John W. Belt resided at time of his death, and upon which James B. Belt, the grantee, now resides (also store lot of James B. Belt and son in Marlboro, and parsonage property).

#1633 - 1897 - Estate File

John W. Belt died intestate, 1897, leaving widow Mary D. Belt and son James B. Belt.

JWB- #12:744 - 1/9/1890 - Mortgage

John W. and Mary D. Belt to Elizabeth Bose of Baltimore. Bose has lent to mortgagors \$5,500; to secure payment, the Belts mortgage to her 200 acres of Timberly and 100 acres of Mount Airy (same described in CSM #3:366), also parsonage lot in Marlboro, and storehouse/granary/office lot in Marlboro of James B. Belt and son, all of which had been mortgaged to william B. Bowie in 1881, and conveyed to John W. Belt by JWB #12:742.

JWB- 12:742 - 1/9/1890 - Deed

Joseph S. Wilson, trustee in Equity 1794, to John W. Belt at public sale (December 1889) where Belt was high bidder at \$6,000 (Wilson appointed to sell land after default in mortgage from James B. Belt to William B. Bowie: parsonage lot and storehouse lot in Marlboro, land at Rosaryville; and farm near Rosaryville upon which James B. Belt resided at the time of his death and where John W. Belt now resides, 220 acres of timberly and 100 acres of Mount Airy.

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#1734 - 1889/90 - Equity

Sale of land of James B. Belt, deceased, after foreclosure of mortgage (from James B. Belt to William B. Bowie, 1881; mortgage assigned to John W. Belt 1883 by widow of William B. Bowie). Several properties including "320 acres, land now occupied by John W. Belt, improved by a large and comfortable dwelling house, and all necessary barns and outbuildings."

WAJ - #1:257 - 7/18/1882 - Will

James B. Belt, testator: all estate, "the farm on which I reside called Woodstock, together with all stock, crops, utensils, machinery, etc., all lots in Upper Marlboro, all interest in mercantile business carried on under name of James B. Belt and Son", to son John W. Belt and his wife Mary D. Belt for their lives, in trust for my grandson, James B. Belt.

WAJ #2:585 - 5/11/1881 - Mortgage

James B. and John W. Belt (in debt to William B. Bowie \$3,000) to said Bowie, lots in Marlboro and farm, parts of Timberly and Mount Airy as described in mortgage HB #13:374. This mortgage assigned to John W. Belt in 1883 by Ann H. Bowie, executrix of William B. Bowie.

HB #13:374 - 5/9/1878 - Mortgage

James B. Belt of P. G. to Samuel B. Hance, 220 acres of Timberly and 100 acres of Mount Airy, same which Belt acquired by CSM #3:366 (beginning at a stone on the west side of the road from Rantin's to Upper Marlboro, the stone being the boundary of the land of Benjamin Duvall, deceased, up the road to the gate leading to the land of the late Polydore E. Scott; this mortgage to secure payment of \$5,000 debt owned to Hance by James B. and John W. Belt.

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CSM #3:366 - 2/16/1860 - Deed	Washington C. Calvert of P.G. to James B. Belt for \$10,000.
	(1) 220 acres of timberly which Calvert acquired in 1853 from Horatio Scott by ON #1:467.
	(2) 100 acres of Mount Airy contiguous of Timberly, which Calvert acquired in January 1860 from Cecilus B., Eleanor A. and John Calvert.
CSM - #3:346 - 1/25/1860 - Deed	Cecilius, Eleanor and John Calvert to Washington C. Calvert for \$20,000, 100 acres of Mount Airy, in trust to Cecilius by George Calvert by AB #10:510 in 1836, same described in CSM #3:345.
CSM - #3:345 - 1/23/1860 - Deed	Washington C. Calvert to Eleanor and Cecilius Calvert for \$5,521, all of Washington C. Calvert's interest in 100 acres of Mount Airy.
ON - #1:467 - 11/10/1853 - Deed	Horatio C. and Henrietta M. Scott for P. G. to Washington C. Calvert of P. G. for \$11,028.63; 220 acres of Timberly, beginning on the road at Benjamin Duvall's north to the entrance to P.E. Scott's land, southeast to the Southwest Branch, then southeast, then west on Liver's Branch to the beginning.

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#### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

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Boundary Description: Beginning for the same at an iron pipe set in the eastern right-of-way of U.S. 301 (250' wide) said pipe being further located as being the following courses and distances from the intersection of said eastern right-of-way and the 39th line or North 61° 28' 29" West 1865.95 foot line of the Fred Spinks, et ux., property as recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland in Liber 2263, folio 382, said line being a boundary between the said Spinks property and the property of Mittie H. Magruder as recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland in Liber 1147, folio 491; with the said eastern right-of-way of U.S. 301 North 24° 18' 34" East 8.14 feet to a point of curvature, thence with the arc of a curve to the left 1211.94 feet, having a radius of 14499.95 feet and being scribed by a chord North 21° 54' 54" East 1211.58 feet to a point of tangency, North 19° 31' 14" East 492.21 feet to an iron pipe set, said point being the aforementioned point of beginning;

THENCE leaving said place of beginning so fixed and binding with the said eastern right-of-way of U.S. 301 North 19° 31' 14" East 124.49 feet to an iron pipe set;

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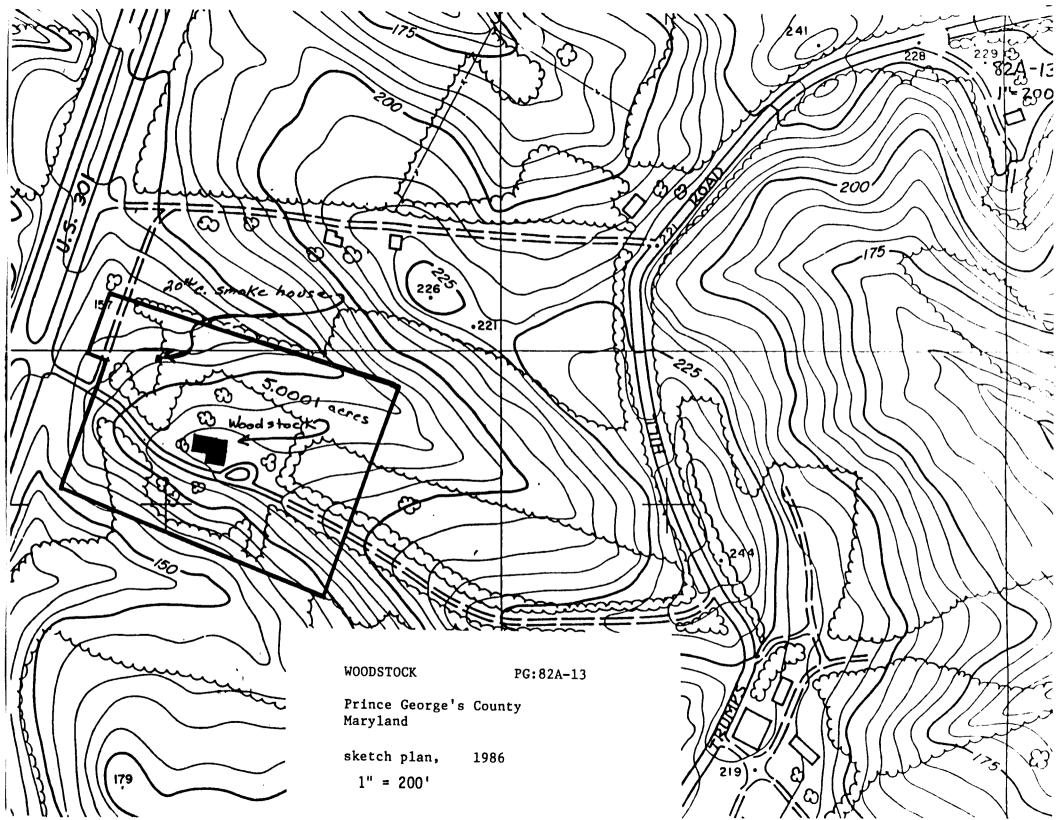
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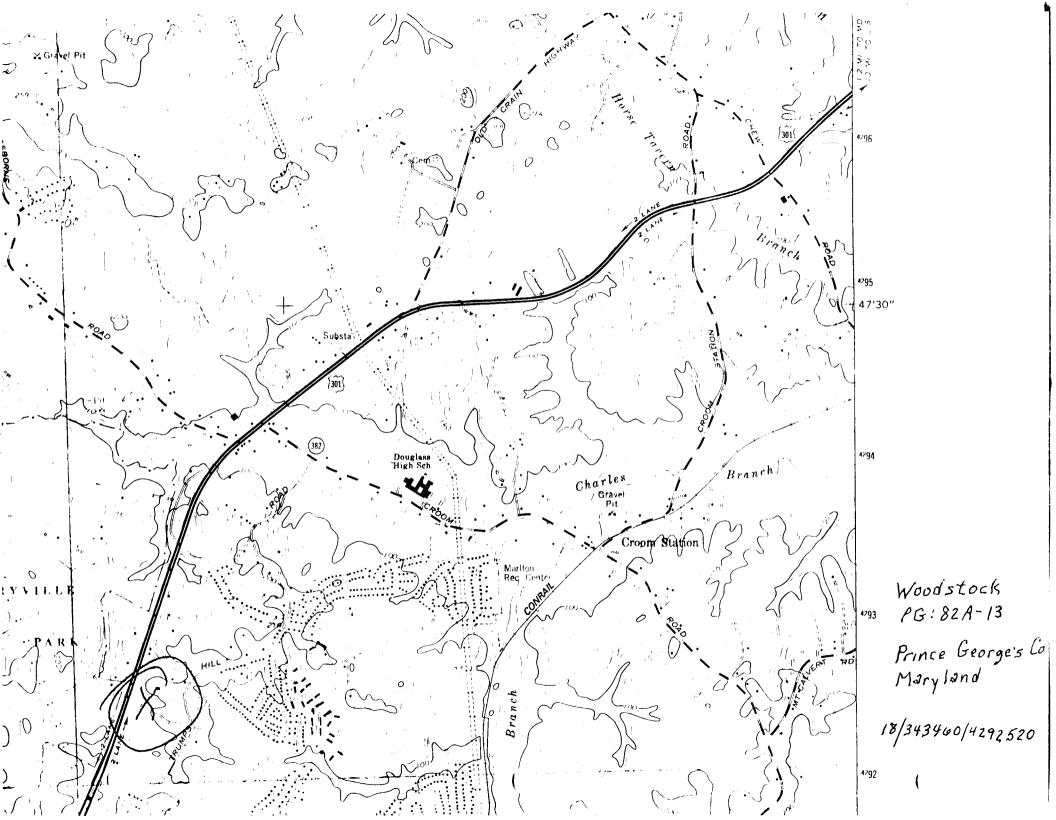
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### Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)	
historic Woodstock	
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2. Location	
street & number 8706 S.E. Crain Highway	not for publication
city, town Upper Marlboro vicinity o	of congressional district 5
state Maryland co	ounty Prince George's
3. Classification	
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4. Owner of Property (give name Eugene and Mary Sue Couser	nes and mailing addresses of <u>all</u> owners)
street & number 8706 S.E. Crain Highway	telephone no.:
city, town Upper Marlboro,	state and zip code Maryland 20772
5. Location of Legal Descri	ption
courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's C	ounty Courthouse liber 4245
street & number Main Street	folio 414
city, town Upper Marlboro,	state Maryland
6. Representation in Existin	1g Historical Surveys
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city, town Upper Marlboro,	state Maryland 20772

### 7. Description

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#### Summary Description

Woodstock is a gable-roof frame dwelling which stands on a high point of land surrounded by rolling farmland, and bounded on the west by U.S. Route 301. The house consists of a two-and-one-half story main block with exterior gable-end chimneys, built in the mid-nineteenth century, and a one-and-one-half-story wing. The westerly two bays of this five-bay wing, enclose an earlier freestanding building, a remnant of the older Timberly plantation; it is now connected to the main block by a later three-bay connecting link or hyphen. The house has simple but handsome interior trim, in the Greek Revival style, and has been recently and carefully restored. There are remnants of two old outbuildings just west of the house, and a twentieth century smoke house on the slope to the north.

#### Description

Woodstock is a gable-roof frame dwelling which consists of a two-and-one half story main block, with a two-part one-and-one-half story wing. It stands on a high point of land surrounded by rolling farmland, and overlooks U.S. Route 301 to the west. The main block is side gabled, 28 by 34 feet, three bays by two bays. Entrance is in the third bay of the main south facade through an eight-panel door (six small panels over two large ones) flanked by full-length green louvered shutters. A one-story hip-roof porch shelters this main south facade; it is supported by square posts with molded capitals and bases, embellished by large jig-sawn brackets, and rests on a concrete foundation. A rear door in the first bay of the north facade has six panels.

The siding of the main block is plain horizontal board with plain corner posts, all painted white. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with narrow molded surrounds, and have dark green louvered shutters. The plain board cornice has crown molding and is slightly flared at the eaves, and is not returned at the gable ends. The gable roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle. There are two (unmatched) tall exterior brick chimneys at the west gable end. Between the two stacks at third level is a small 4/4 window; in the corresponding position in the east gable end are two 4/4 windows. These stacks are laid in American bond, four courses of stretchers to one of headers. The southerly stack has weatherings above the second story, and has been widened by the addition of new brick, to accommodate a new heating system. The narrow northerly stack has no weatherings, and is enclosed at first story by the attached kitchen wing. The main block rests on a brick foundation which encloses a basement under the south half of the building; from this basement space, one can see the large hand-hewn sill beams, joined with mortise and tenon. Access to the basement is through a bulkhead between the two chimneys.

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#### <u>Significance</u>

8. Significance

Woodstock is an outstanding example of a mid-nineteenth century plantation house with decorative elements in the Greek Revival style. The main block was built in the early 1850's by Washington Custis Calvert of Mount Airy; it was subsequently attached by means of a connecting hyphen to an older kitchen building on the property. In 1860 Woodstock became the home of James Beall Belt retired Clerk of the Prince George's County Court, and passed after his death to his son John W. Belt, who served also as Clerk of the Court. Woodstock exemplifies a house style typical of successful small plantations of the period; it is one of only three surviving examples in Prince George's County of this once popular Tidewater house style. It is in excellent condition and stands in a prominent location in functioning farmland, a visible landmark overlooking a much travelled highway. It is an important example of Prince George's County nineteenth century architectural history.

#### History and Support

Woodstock stands on a tract known as Timberly, patented by Robert Ridgely in 1672<sup>1</sup>. Part of this tract, adjoining the tract called "Croom", belonged in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries to Edward Scott. Scott's dwelling was on the Croom tract, but several farm buildings, including a small kitchen, stood on Timberly, which adjoined Croom on the west.<sup>2</sup>

A 220 acre portion of Timberly, known as the Woodstock farm, passed to Scott's son, Horatio C. Scott, a prominent merchant in the village of Upper Marlboro. After Edward Scott died in 1851, Horatio C. Scott (who lived in the old Wardrop House, PG #79-28, sold the Woodstock farm (in 1853) to Washington Custis Calvert, one of the seven sons of Edward H. Calvert of Mount Airy. Washington Calvert had married in 1851, and had received in trust 100 acres of Mount Airy which adjoined Scott's Timberly. It is almost certain that it was Calvert who built the main block of the house at Timberly as his home.3

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geograph	cal Data			
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Interior plan of the main block consists of side stair hall and connecting double parlors. The open string two-run staircase rises along the east (exterior) wall of the stairhall, then turns 90 degrees at a landing and reverses to the second floor. It has plain square balusters and a simple round rail. In place of a newel post is a plain carved post. The staircase has a panelled spandrel, and plain bracketed stair ends. The center section of each riser is painted black, as suggested by early layers of paint.

Two doorways lead from the stairhall westward into the two adjoining parlors. These parlors are connected by double doors which are folded back into the north parlor (dining room). Each leaf of the double door, like the principal south entrance door, has six small panels over two large ones. Identical wooden mantels frame the fireplaces in the two parlors: the mantel frieze has a rounded "pillow" projection, which is repeated (vertically) in the pilasters which flank the firebox.

Surrounds of doors and windows consist of an inner bead, broken field and outer molding. Baseboards are molded; there are no molded cornices or chair-rails.

Mantels in the bedrooms above the two parlors are identical to those in the parlors. Moldings on the second story are similar to those on the first, but have an unbroken field. The staircase continues to the third floor. The second story north window which lights the stairhall is split by the landing between second and third floors.

Extending west from the main block and flush with its north facade, is a one-and-one-half-story two-part kitchen wing, 16 by 30 feet. Construction details indicate that the westerly section is the oldest, and that the central or easterly section of the wing was later built as a hyphen to connect the older building to the main block.

The westerly (older) section of the wing (16 by 14 1/2 feet) is two bays wide with entrance in the second bay of its south facade through a modern door (four small lights over four panels). There is a corresponding rear door on the north facade, which opens onto a high concrete stoop. This small building rests on whole logs and has a very shallow crawl space underneath. From the upper-story room in the hyphen, one can observe the original exterior wide, hand-split board siding of the east gable end of the older building. Floor boards are wide and probably original; the framing is reinforced with brick nogging. Just south of the ridge at the west gable end is an exterior freestanding brick chimney, four courses of stretchers to each course of headers, with weatherings above first story level.

This small structure is now joined to the main block by a three-baywide hyphen (16 by 15 1/2 feet), of the same depth as the older building. The hyphen is now used as a kitchen, while the older westerly section has been converted into a family room, and is panelled with narrow beaded wain-

Description (continued)

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scoting. A boxed staircase rises between the two sections, giving access to two small rooms, one above each section, connected by a batten door. Each of these rooms is lighted by a gable dormer on the south. Each dormer encloses a 6/6 window, has a molded cornice, and is sided with diagonal boards.

The two sections join to form a four-bay wing, 16 by 30 feet, sided with plain horizontal boards, narrower than those of the main block, all painted white. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with plain board surrounds, and have dark green louvered shutters. There is a second door in the fourth bay of the south facade (second bay of the hyphen); it has one large pane of glass over three molded panels. The roof of the wing is covered with wooden shingles; it has a molded cornice, flared at the eaves like that of the main block. A one-story shed-roof porch, continues from the roofline to shelter the entire south facade of the wing. The porch is supported by plain square posts, and has a brick floor. The wing rests on a brick foundation topped by one course of rowlock, and encloses a shallow crawl space.

Woodstock stands on the highest point of land on a 5-acre parcel which was carved out of the original 320-acre farm. An unpaved drive leads east to the house from U.S. Route 301, which is the western boundary of the property. (The historic access to the house was from the old road to the east.) The drive ends just east of the house in a circle which encloses a large evergreen tree; a short distance northeast of the circle is a champion holly. There are several large old maples to the north and west of the house.

The immediate grounds of the house are bounded by a rail fence in the north and west, and a split rail (snake) fence on the south; the fields outside these boundaries are devoted to sheep grazing. On the sloping ground in the field to the north is a twentieth century smoke house, gable-roofed with concrete block foundation. It has replaced an older smoke house which stood on a brick foundation still visible in the yard west of the house. Directly west of the house is a small square herb garden which marks the spot where an ice house once stood.

#### Notes

During restoration work in the 1970's, the mantel was removed from the south bedroom and installed in the dining room, the only room from which the mantel was missing. A new mantel was made for the south bedroom, identical to the other three.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  In the early twentieth century, a rear shed porch on the north facade of the wing had been enclosed to form a kitchen. This enclosed porch was removed during the restoration work of the 1970's, and the concrete stoop was constructed at that time.

The new house was typical of small plantation houses of the mid-nine-teenth century; it consisted of a side stairhall and double parlors, warmed by fireplaces on the exterior wall. The trim of the house was plain, but handsome, Greek Revival style, with broken field moldings, and carved "pillow" projections highlighting the wooden mantels. A pre-existing kitchen building, with boxed staircase and sleeping loft above, was put to use by Calvert; it stood 15 feet from his new dwelling.

Washington Calvert lived only a short time in this house. His wife died in 1857, and in 1860 he sold his entire farm (220 acres of Timberly and 100 adjoining acres of Mt. Airy) to James Beall Belt, retired Clerk of the County Court. Calvert remarried and (apparently) left Prince George's County.<sup>4</sup>

James Beall Belt had served as Clerk of the Court from 1838 to 1851. He owned a house and lot in Upper Marlboro where he resided, and also a store house, granary and office where he operated a mercantile business. His wife had died in 1859, and in the following year he moved with his son, John W. Belt, into Washington Calvert's house on Timberly which he renamed Woodstock. Belt continued to operate the granary, store house and office in Upper Marlboro, trading as James B. Belt and Son. 5

After the Civil War, Belt fell into financial difficulties; he mortgaged and remortgaged his Woodstock farm. His financial difficulties were still unresolved at the time of his death in 1882. By his will he devised all of his estate, "the farm on which I now reside called Woodstock, together with all stock, crops, utensils, machinery then upon it, also all lots in Upper Marlboro, and all interest in the mercantile business carried on under the name of James B. Belt and Son," to his son, John Williamson Belt and his wife, Mary D. Belt, for their lives, in trust for his grandson (their son), James B. Belt.6

In the year of his father's death, John W. Belt was appointed to his father's former position as Clerk of the Court, a position which he held until his death in 1896. He also turned over the management of his store house, granary and office in Upper Marlboro to Hamilton Hall, and moved his family from their town dwelling to his father's house at Woodstock. He was also able to settle the liens on the Woodstock property by offering it for sale (by decree of the Equity Court) and purchasing it himself. It was advertised at this time (1889) as "320 acres, the land now occupied by John W. Belt, improved by a large and comfortable dwelling house and all necessary barns and outbuildings."

John W. Belt died in 1896, and was buried with his parents at Trinity Church, Upper Marlboro. His estate was administered by his brother-in-law, attorney Caleb Clarke Magruder (II), and Woodstock was conveyed to his son, James B. Belt. The younger Belt predeceased his mother, however, and con-

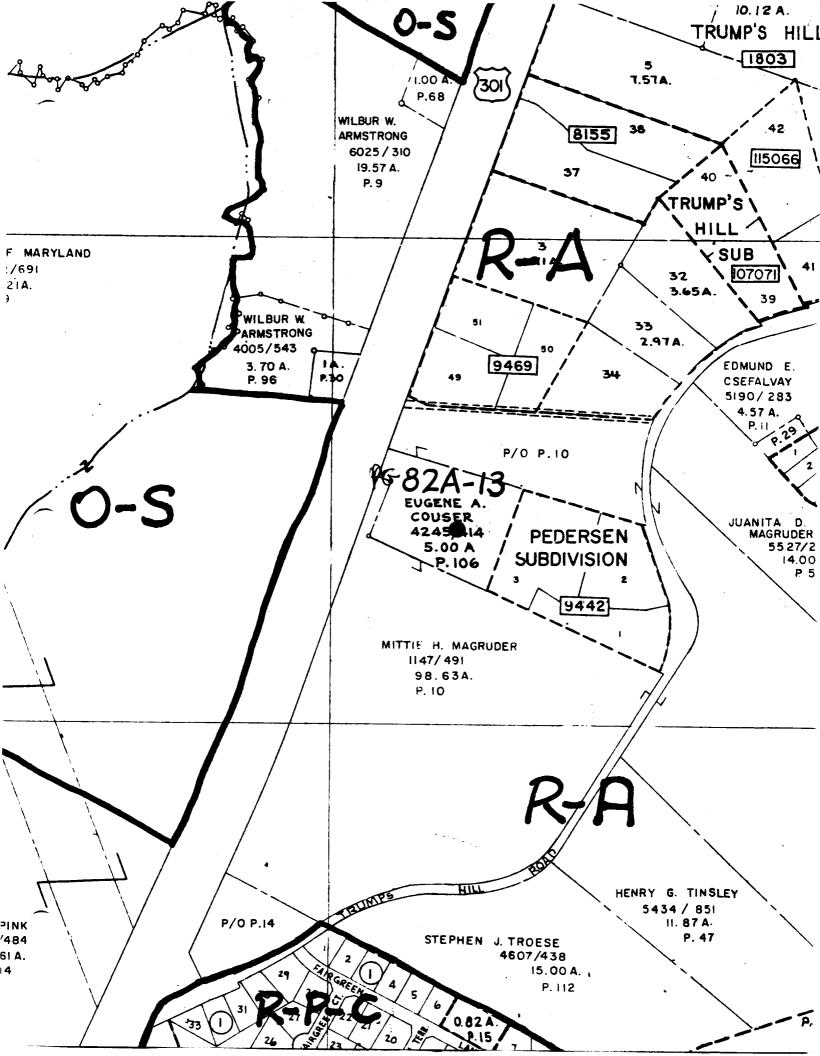
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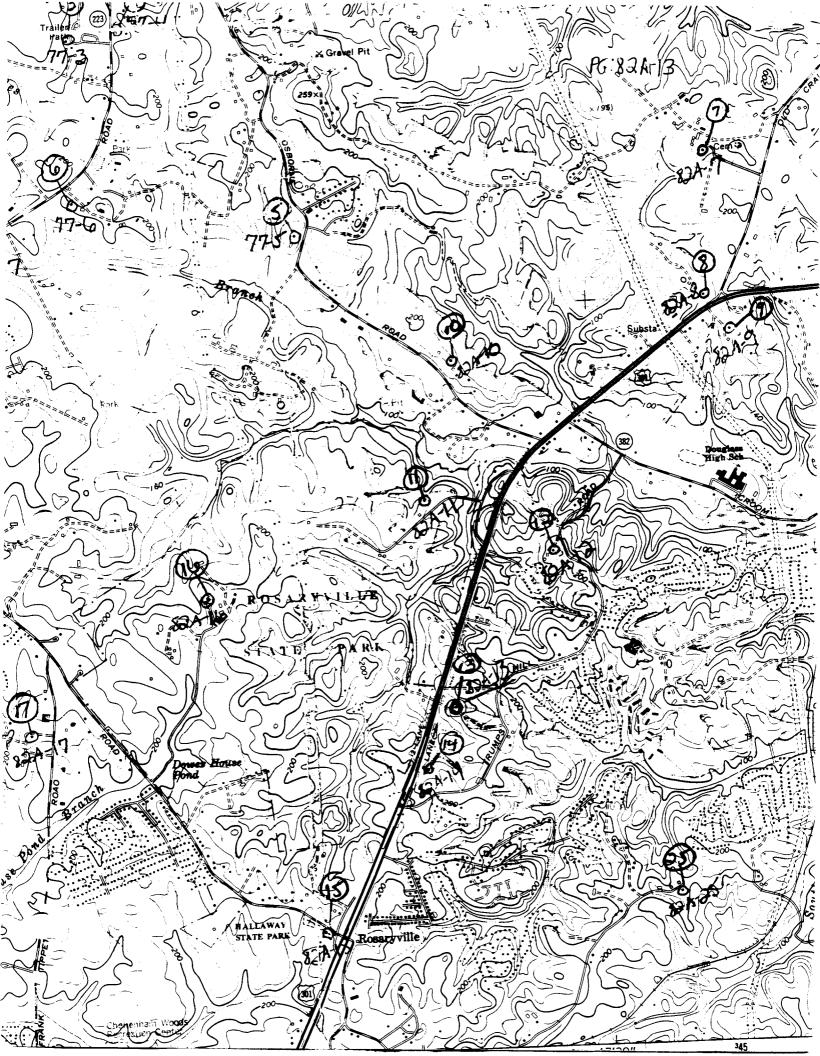
sequently Woodstock was devised by her will (1924) to her nephew, Caleb Clarke Magruder III. It remained Magruder's home until his death in the  $1940\,^{\circ}\,\mathrm{s}^{-8}$ 

When the present owners purchased Woodstock from the Magruder family in 1973, the house had stood vacant and boarded up for several years, and was in deteriorating condition. The new owners undertook major restoration work, removing the shed porch which had served as a kitchen, and installing a new kitchen in the hyphen. The house is now in excellent condition, and is a prominent and visible landmark high on a hill east of U.S. Route 301. Woodstock is a significant example of a mid-nineteenth century plantation house style of southern Prince George's County, of which only a few survive.

#### Notes

- Patents, #16:496.
- <sup>2</sup> Federal Direct Tax for Prince George's County, 1798.
- <sup>3</sup> Prince George's County Estate file #174; will PC #1:443, Wollon, J.T., and Pearl, S.G., <u>Historic Structures Report</u>, Buck-Wardrop House, PG #79-28; Prince George's County Deeds ON #1:467; CSM #3:345,346; Prince George's County Marriage Licenses; Census for Prince George's County, 1840, 1850.
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- <sup>5</sup> Prince George's County Court Records March 28, 1838; Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1830's-1860's; Stones and Bones, p. 118.
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- Stones and Bones, p. 119; Prince George's County Estate File #1633, Prince George's County Deed JB #1:393; Prince George's County Will WTD #1:35.
- 9 Prince George's County Deed #4245:414. Recent survey work in Prince George's County has identified only two other buildings of similar plan: Bellevue (84-20), and the Turner House (87B-5). To each of these houses there is attached a lower kitchen wing which partially covers the exterior brick chimneys. In the case of the Turner House, the kitchen is a considerably later addition. Four other mid-nineteenth century dwellings [Buena Vista (70-17), Solitude (77-5), the Nourse House (77-11), and the Coffren House (86A-10)] are similar to Woodstock, but have interior chimneys and/or alterations which have significantly changed the lines of the building.







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Woodstock Prince George's County, MD Susan G. Pearl April 1986 Southwest 3/4 elevation Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Interior trim, door to south parlor
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Woodstock Prince George's County, Md. Susan G. Pearl May 1986 Mantel, West parlor Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 82A	Date ca. 1850 and earlier
Building Name Woodstock	
Location Crain Highway (	#301), Upper Marlboro, Md.
Open to Publicyes	x no

Woodstock is a large, frame, two-part house. The larger part has two stories plus attic and cellar, has a gable roof, and is three bays wide with the main entrance in the third bay. There are two exterior chimneys at the west gable end. There is a one-story three-bay porch across the front. All of the windows have shutters. The smaller part is one-and-one-half stories high, and has a steep gable roof pierced by two dormers. A large exterior chimney is at the west gable end. The south facade is five bays wide with doors in the second and fourth bays. The roof line extends to form a one-story porch across the south front. Construction details in the upper floor indicate that the west half of the wing was built earlier than the section, which joins it to the large two-story part of the house.

Woodstock is located on the tract patented as Timberly, part of which became a part of the huge Mt. Airy estate. James Beall Belt, clerk of the Circuit Court, purchased the property in 1850 and is believed to have built the large part of the house as an addition to the much older one-and-one-half story section. No proof of this has been found. Belt's son, John W., was also clerk of the Circuit Court and continued to live there as did his son.

The larger part of Woodstock is typical of many houses built in this area luring the early to mid 1800's.

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Woodstock is located high above the highway on the east side of Crain Highway (#301) about 5 miles south of Upper Marlboro. It is a large, frame, two-part house which faces south. The larger part is two stories with attic and cellar, has a gable roof, and is three bays wide with the main entrance in the third bay. There are two exterior chimneys at the west gable end. There is a one-story three-bay porch across the front. All of the windows have shutters. The smaller part is one-and-one-half stories high, and has a steep gable roof pierced by two dormers. A large exterior chimney is at the west gable end. The south facade is five bays wide with doors in the second and fourth bays. The roof line extends to form a one-story porch across the south front. Construction details in the upper floor indicate that the west half of the wing was built earlier than the east section which joins the large two-story part of the house.

There are several very large old trees in the yard.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Woodstock is located on the tract patented as Timberly, part of which became a part of the huge Mt. Airy estate. James Beall Belt, clerk of the Circuit Court purchased the property in 1850 and is believed to have built the large part of the house as an addition to the much older one-and-one-half story section. No proof of this has been found. Belt's son, John W., was also the clerk of the Circuit Court and continued to live there as did his son.

The larger part of Woodstock is typical of many houses built in the area during the early to mid 1800's.

#### 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

P.G. County Land Records

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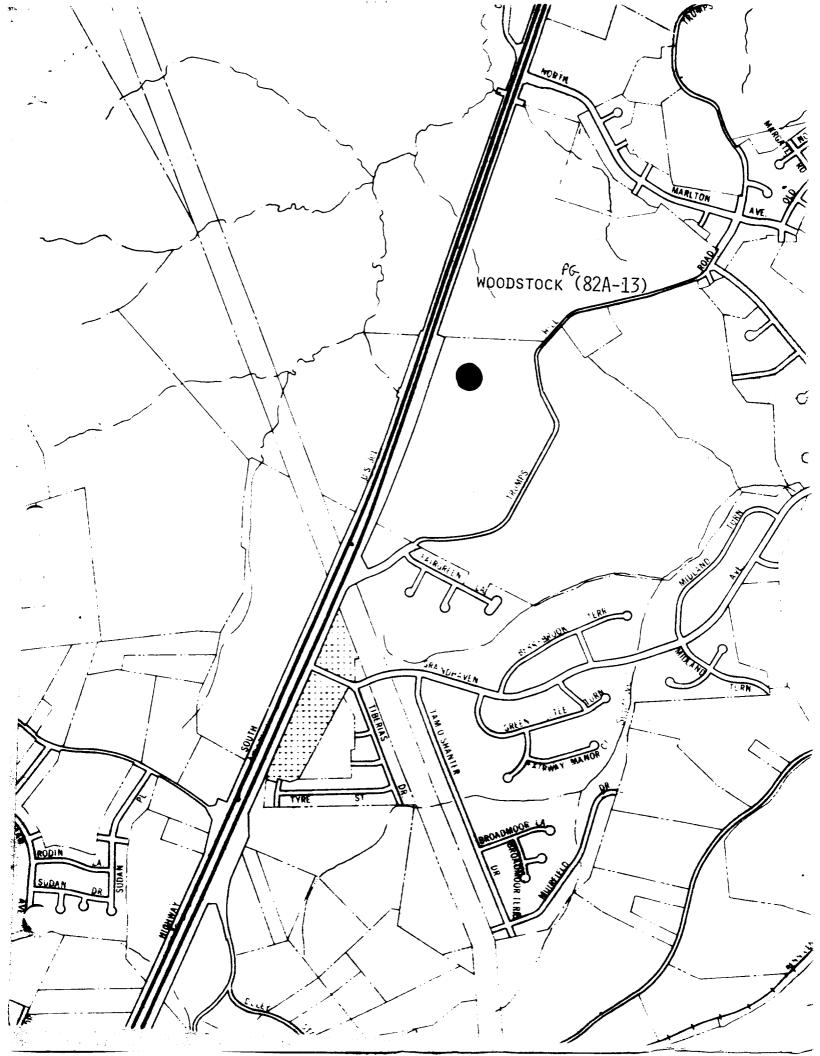
## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_ VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES STATE COUNTY STATE COUNTY III FORM PREPARED BY NAME / TITLE Margaret W. Cook

P.G. Historical & Cultural Trust	October 1979
Calvert Mansion, 4811 Riverdale Road	TELEPHONE 779–2011
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust The Shaw House, 21 State Circle Annapolis, Maryland 21401 (301) 267-1438



## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

# NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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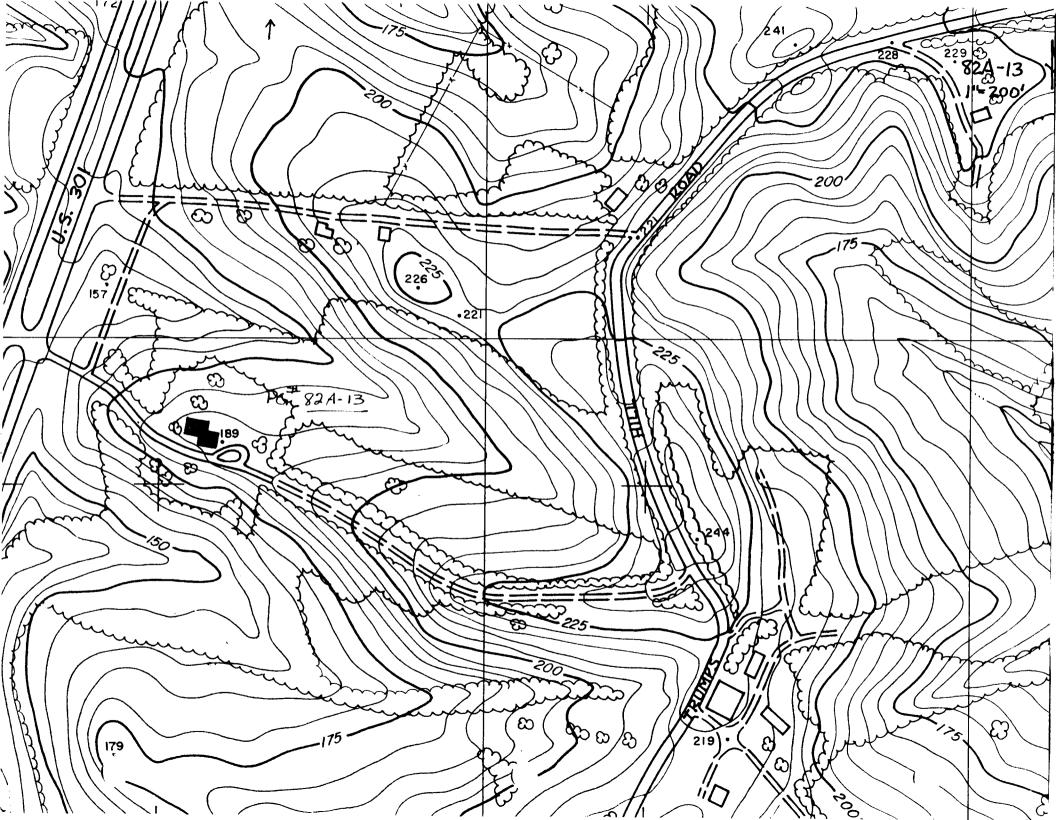
The windows are 6/6 double hung sash. A one story porch with square, bracketed posts extends across the facade. There is a boxed cornice with neither bed nor crown moulding. On the west end, there are two external chimneys with two story bases and stepped weatherings to the stacks. The south stack has been widened by a length of two stretchers.

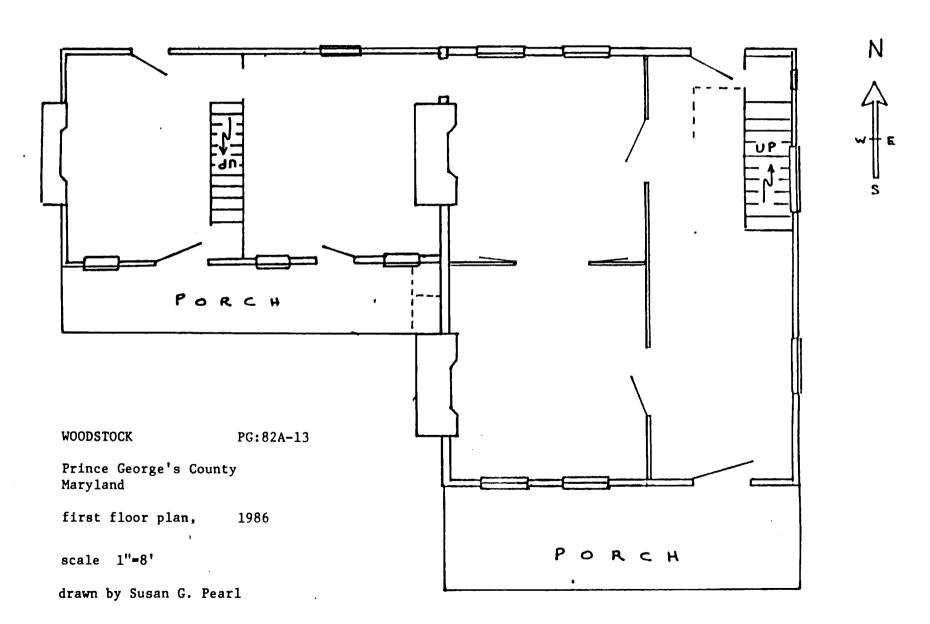
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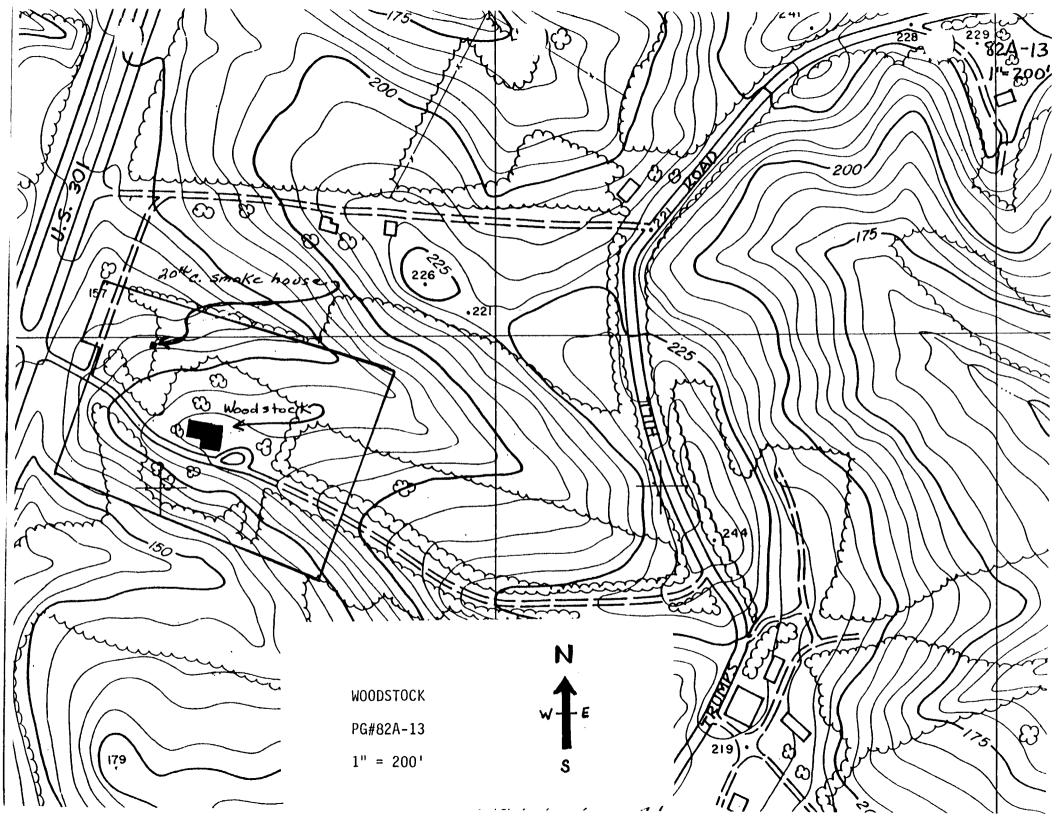
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Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY **Real Property Data Search** 

UPPER MARLBORO MD 20772-5161

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**Account Identifier:** 

District - 15 Account Number - 1724996

**Owner Information** 

Owner Name:

RILEY, ANNE T

Use:

RESIDENTIAL

8706 CRAIN HWY

**Principal Residence:** 

Mailing Address:

**Deed Reference:** 

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**Location & Structure Information** 

**Premises Address** 8706 SE CRAIN HWY UPPER MARLBORO 20772

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Tax Class

**Legal Description** 

Lot

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Grid Map Parcel 118 E2 106

Sub District

(AG# 1725001) **Block** 

Town **Special Tax Areas** Ad Valorem

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Subdivision

Section

Plat No: Plat Ref:

**Primary Structure Built Enclosed Area Property Land Area County Use** 1800 <u>2,9</u>77 SF 1.00 AC 003 **Stories Basement Type Exterior** 2 1/2 NO STANDARD UNIT **FRAME** 

**Value Information** 

**Base Value Phase-in Assessments** Value As Of 01/01/2002

As Of As Of 07/01/2003 07/01/2004

Land: Improvements:

50,000 55,000 133,340 162,530

206,132

Total: **Preferential Land:**  183,340 217,530

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**Transfer Information** 

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Date: 11/25/1996 /11133/ 701 Deed1:

Price: \$240,000 Deed2:

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Date: 07/09/1973 Deed1: / 4245/ 414

Price: \$0 Deed2:

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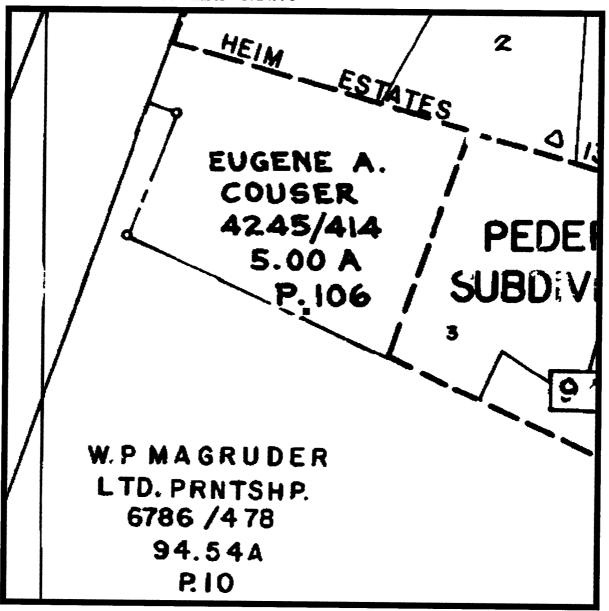
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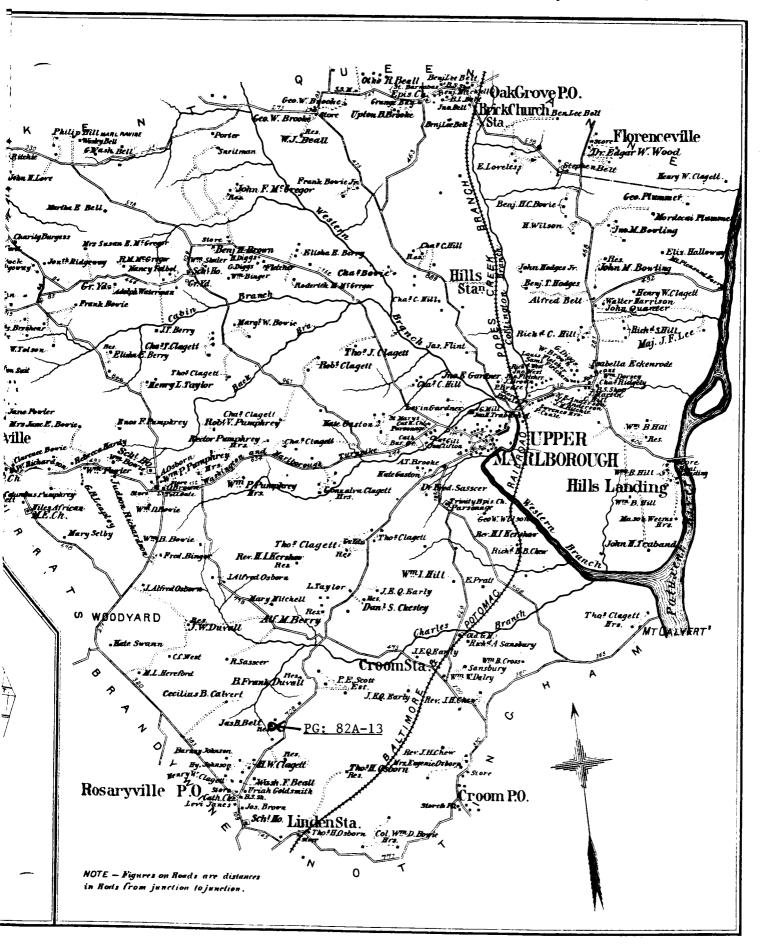
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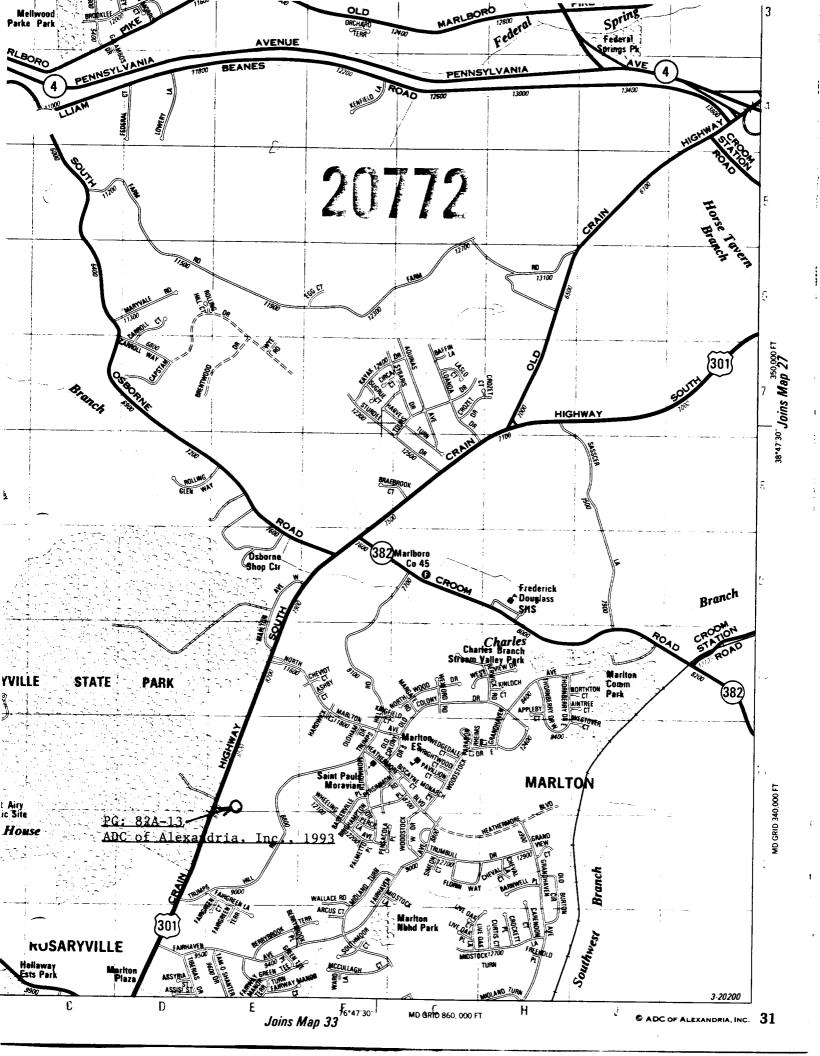
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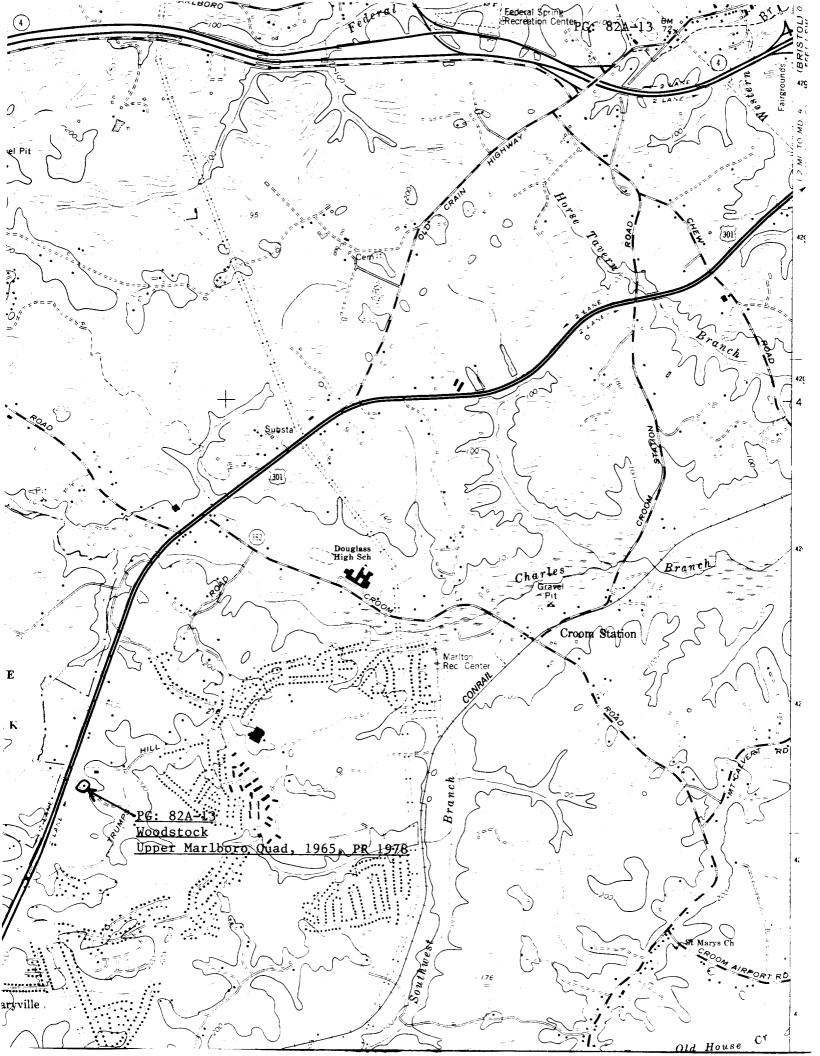
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